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New railroads

- Plans have been drawn up for the construction of the following new lines:
 - Lovec Troian mountain railroad connecting ammunition and fuel dump areas.
 - Samusil-Silistra (120 km).
 - c. Markocevo-Klisura.

New rolling stock

Bulgaria ordered the following rolling stock from abroad in the summer of 2. 1948:

Supplying country

Rolling stock

Hungary Poland* Czechoslovakia

6 locomotives, 44 freight cars 10 locomotives, 75 freight cars 32 motor rail cars.

Improved Operation

- 3. The Soviet Railroad Mission, which has been working for some months in the Bulgarian Ministry of Communications, has brought out plans for improving operations on the Bulgarian railroads by which:
 - The turn-round time for freight cars will be reduced to four or five days in 1949, compared with six days in 1948, and nine days in 1946.
 - The axle-loading will be increased to 6.4 tons.
 - The weight of freight trains will be raised to 300 tons in comparison with 230 tons in 1946.

Comment: The Polish freight cars are to be built in the PAFAWAG Works at Wroclaw.

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